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Evaluating Print Sources

A. Directions: Read the information for each source. Then circle the letter of the sentence that *best* evaluates the source.

1. Magazine article: “Who Cares About Health Care?” by Sandra Herrera
Author Credentials: Sandra Herrera is a Pulitzer Prize–winning reporter specializing in health care issues.
Publisher: *Newsweek* **Copyright:** 2005

a. This article is likely a good source of information on the subject.

b. The article may not be credible given the author’s background.

c. This article is biased and thus not a reliable source of information.

d. The information in this source does not match better sources.

2. Book: *Growing Tropical Plants* by Lloyd J. Wilkerson
Other books by the author: *Skateboarding Made Easy*; *Training Dogs*
Publisher: Bitta Books, Inc. New York, NY **Copyright:** 2006

a. This source is credible because of the author’s credentials.

b. This source is suspect because the author’s other books are unrelated to this one.

c. This book is not up-to-date enough for this subject.

d. This book would be reliable because of the publisher’s reputation.

B. Directions: Read the sample pages for each source. Then circle the letter of the element that casts doubt on its credibility.

3. *Saving Is Simple* by T. Amads, director of the Vantage Co.

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Foreword

It’s a sad fact that less than 1% of all Americans save money on a regular basis. Fortunately, saving isn’t difficult, if people get into the habit

a. the Contents

b. the title

c. the author

d. the Foreword

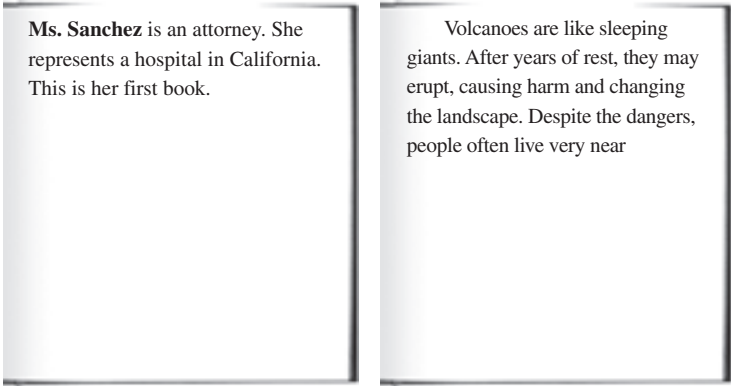
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4. *Volcanoes* by Lena Sanchez



- a. sample page
- b. author credentials
- c. the title
- d. publisher